

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending at the time of examination. The applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 and 7-18 have been allowed over the prior art of record.

The applicant has amended claim 3 to depend on claim 1 instead of canceled claim 2, and apologizes for the oversight. It is respectfully submitted that claims 3-6 are now also allowable, at least for the same reasons as claim 1, since they depend directly or indirectly from claim 1.

The applicant believes that objection to claims 3-6 in the Office Action is now moot, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the issuing of the Notice of Allowance for this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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